

Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 298. A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5246f, Chapter 4, Title 77, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, so as to permit employers and employees in contracts between the State, and political subdivisions of the State, to contract as to the hours of labor to be performed per day."

H. B. No. 320. A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 4, 40, 66, 80, 81, 82 and 100 of Chapter 87, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, providing for organization and government of water improvement and irrigation districts, and acts amendatory of said Chapter 87, including Chapter 53 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and Chapter 28, General Laws of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and which sections relate, respectively: Section 4, to the mode of appeal from an order of the commissioners court in granting or dismissing petition for organization of a district; Section 40, the collection of delinquent taxes by suit, and fixing jurisdiction thereof; Section 66, providing for the sale of bonds of such district; Sections 80, 81 and 82, providing the method of organization of districts embracing lands in two or more counties; and Section 100, providing the method of the selection of depositories of such district; and which amendments to said Sections 4, 40, 66, 80, 81, 82 and 100 provide, respectively: Section 4, for appeals from an order of the county commissioners court in granting or refusing a petition for organization of a district, and that notice of appeal shall be given, and perfecting of appeal by filing of a bond at the time of filing same, and fixing amount of such bond, and providing that the judgment on appeal shall be certified to the commissioners court within ten days after same becomes final; Section 40, for providing taxes to be a lien against property assessed, and enforcement of same, suits for collecting, vesting jurisdiction in district court, and providing no limitation shall apply; Section 66, for providing the method of selling bonds of the district authorized by said Chapter 87, and the amount to be received therefor; Sections 80, 81 and 82, for providing the method of organization and government of districts embracing lands in two or more counties; Section 100, for the selection of depositories of any such district, and provid-

ing that if directors of said district should be interested in a bank bidding therefor, such selection shall be passed upon by the county judge of the county in which the depository is located; and by further amending said Chapter 87, General Laws of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature and acts amendatory of said Chapter 87, including Chapter 53 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and Chapter 28, General Laws of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, by the addition of new sections, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136 and 137, which new sections provide, respectively: Section 122, for the addition of land to a district to be taxed on basis of assessment of benefits; Section 123, for location of office of a district; Sections 124 to 130, inclusive, for the method of levying, assessing, equalizing, and collecting taxes by districts, adopting the assessment for benefit plan of taxation; Section 131, for providing for districts constituting conservation and reclamation districts adopting plan of levying taxes on a benefit basis instead of an ad valorem basis; Section 132, for providing for levy and collection of taxes on a benefit basis instead of an ad valorem basis by districts operating under contract with the United States, and the method of levying and collecting same; Section 133, for providing for sale of power privileges by such districts and the conditions thereof; Section 134, providing for assessment and collection of taxes by county officers in event of default therein by district officers, and providing district may avail itself of assessments and equalization made by county officers, and providing the method of handling same; Section 134, providing for sale of surplus water; Section 135, repealing Section 5a, Chapter 12, General Laws, Second Called Session, Thirty-fifth Legislature, and all laws in conflict with the provisions thereof; Section 137, emergency clause."

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
SNEED, Chairman.

## TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

(Continued.)

(Thursday, February 10, 1921.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

SENATE BILL NO. 133 ON SECOND  
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 133, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Senate bill No. 399, Chapter 58, page 178, of the Local and Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act creating the Benavides Independent School District, situated in Duval county; defining its metes and bounds, vesting it with the rights, powers, duties and privileges of districts incorporated for school purposes only under the general laws; providing for a board of trustees therefor, and declaring an emergency,' and to amend Section 1 of Senate bill No. 81, Chapter 91, page 279, of the Local and Special Laws passed at the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act to amend Section 1 of Senate bill No. 399, Chapter 54, page 178, of the Local and Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act creating the Benavides Independent School District, situated in Duval county; defining its metes and bounds; vesting it with the rights, powers, duties and privileges of districts incorporated for school purposes only under the general laws; providing for a board of trustees therefor, and declaring an emergency,'" and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 277 ON THIRD  
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 277, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Tuscola Independent School District in Taylor county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; declaring that all taxes or bonds heretofore authorized by any former school district included within the bounds thereof shall remain in full force and effect, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 285 ON THIRD  
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 285, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Nocona Independent School District in Montague county, Texas; defining its boundaries, including the present Nocona Independent School District; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts, and the boards of trustees thereof; providing that the present boards of trustees continue in office until expiration of their respective terms; providing that said district shall have its own assessor and collector of taxes and board of equalization, and providing that all bonds and maintenance taxes heretofore voted by any school district included within the bounds of the district hereby created, shall remain in full force and effect; and specifically repealing Chapter 2 of the Special Laws of Texas passed by the Thirty-first Legislature and all amendments thereto, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

On motion of Mr. Morris of Montague, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 338 ON THIRD  
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 338, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Lyford Independent School District in Cameron county, Texas, including the town of Lyford; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees, and assuming all contracts, debts, including bonded indebtedness of Lyford Independent School District; investing said district with all the rights, privileges and duties of an independent school district created under the general laws of the State of Texas for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

## ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Burmeister, the House, at 10:10 o'clock a. m., adjourned until 10:10 o'clock a. m. Thursday, February 10.

## TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

(Thursday, February 10, 1921.)

The House met at 10:10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Aiken.	Hanna.
Baker.	Hardin.
Baldwin.	Harrington.
Barker.	Harrison.
Barrett of Bell.	Henderson
Barrett of Fannin.	of McLennan.
Bass.	Henderson
Beasley	of Marion.
of Hopkins.	Hendricks.
Beasley	Hill.
of McCulloch.	Horton.
Beavens.	Johnson
Black, O. B.,	of Wichita.
of Bexar.	Jones.
Black, W. A.,	Kacir.
of Bexar.	Kellis.
Bonham.	King.
Brady.	Kveton.
Branch.	Lackey.
Brown.	Laird.
Bryant.	Lauderdale.
Burkett.	Lawrence.
Burmeister.	Leslie.
Burns.	Lindsey.
Carpenter.	Looney.
Childers.	McCord.
Chitwood.	McFarlane.
Coffee.	McKean.
Cox.	McLeod.
Crawford.	Martin.
Crumpton.	Marshall.
Cummins.	Mathes.
Curtis.	Melson.
Darroch.	Menking.
Davis, John E.,	Merriman.
of Dallas.	Miller of Dallas.
Davis, John,	Miller of Parker.
of Dallas.	Morgan.
Dinkle.	Moore.
Duffey.	Morris of Medina.
Duncan.	Morris
Edwards.	of Montague.
Estes.	Mott.
Faubion.	Neblett.
Fly.	Neinast.
Fugler.	Owen.
Garrett.	Patman.
Greer.	Perkins
Grissom.	of Cherokee.
Hall.	Perkins of Lamar.

Perry.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Pollard.	Teer.
Pope.	Thomas
Quaid.	of Limestone.
Quicksall.	Thomason.
Quinn.	Thompson
Rice.	of Harris.
Rogers of Harris.	Thompson
Rogers of Shelby.	of Red River.
Rosser.	Thorn.
Rountree.	Thrasher.
Rowland.	Veatch.
Satterwhite.	Wadley.
Schweppe.	Walker.
Seagler.	Wallace.
Sims.	Webb.
Smith.	Wessels.
Sneed.	West.
Stephens.	Westbrook.
Stevenson.	Williams
Stewart	of McLennan.
of Edwards.	Williams
Stewart of Reeves.	of Montgomery
Swann.	Wright.
Sweet of Brown.	

Absent.

Johnson of Ellis.	Malone.
Laney.	

Absent—Excused.

Adams.	McDaniel.
Binkley.	Pool.
Johnson	Shearer.
of Gillespie.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Shearer for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Brady.

Mr. West for today, on motion of Mr. Morgan.

Mr. Adams was excused for today, on motion of Mr. Sweet of Tarrant on account of sickness.

## HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Bryant and Mr. Burkett:

H. B. No. 423. A bill to be entitled "An Act to define retail and wholesale dealers in articles of commerce; to prohibit discrimination in making sales of such articles of commerce of wholesale